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Applicants: Coppens et al.

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OF MALTED CEREALS

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AMENDMENT E

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 10, 2001,
please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Three Times Amended) A process for the preparation of a malted cereal comprising: introducing activated spores in an amount of ~~about~~ 1×10^2 to ~~about~~ 1×10^7 per gram per gram of dry cereal to a cereal before or during a malting process, the activated spores being present on the cereal in an amount which is effective for providing the malted cereal with an increased enzyme activity, the increased enzyme activity being greater than the enzyme activity which is obtained by the same malting process but with dormant spores.

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